

At the Annual Parish Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL on **4 APRIL 2017**, at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT

Cllr Susan Cowsill, Chairman  
Cllr Barry Roberts, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Gary Adams, Ian Dickins, Linda Dickins, Janet Dover, Tony Holloway, KD Johnson, Stephen King, David Mitchell, David Packer, Peter Scriven and Emma Urquhart.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Helen Lawrence, David Morgan (ED TIC) and Viv Burgess (Vision Wimborne Dialaride).

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Shortell, (EDDC Chairman), Maggie Smith, (Life Education Wessex), Katie Richards and Terry Munson (Colehill Memorial Hall), Alan Spencer and David Tarring (Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre), Hilary Chittenden (East Dorset Environment Partnership), Jill Clarke (Colehill District Guides), John Gooch (Colehill Community Library), Brian Kinge (Citizens' Advice Bureau) and Mrs T Paine – Clerk.

**432.17 WELCOME**

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Susan Cowsill, welcomed the Members and guests present.

**433.17 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 April 2016, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**434.17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Reviewing items dealt with during a very busy year, Cllr Cowsill made particular reference to the matters that she felt proud to be associated with:

- (a) Colehill Community Library – The library had celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary in volunteer hands. This well-loved and well used community asset was continuing to thrive. Cllr Cowsill gave a huge thank you to all of the volunteers and management committee, led by Chairman John Gooch, who were making this difference to our community.
- (b) Life on the Hill – This book of contributions from local residents was published and launched in November and was a huge success.

- (c) The Reef – At last this project had now been launched. Bookings were doing well and the youth club was running on several nights a week. Over the years, the Parish Council, along with other organisations and many individuals, had contributed a lot of money to the project and everyone was willing the project to succeed. We must thank Cllrs Adams and King for using their professional skills to oversee the building and huge thanks to the management committee for continuing to make the Reef happen.
- (d) Chairman's Reception – In November we held a reception to thank those who had contributed to the spirit of the community. The WI did a great job in preparing and serving the refreshments, everyone always agrees that the food is lovely and this year was no exception. Our Honorary Town Crier, Chris Brown, made announcements that were lovely and loud during the evening and local opera singer, Jane Oakland, provided some great entertainment. As usual it was Children in Need evening and the local guides took around a bucket raising £133.98.
- (e) Opening of By the Way Play Area – Cllrs Janet Dover, KD Johnson, David Packer and I joined the Chairman of East Dorset District Council, Cllr David Shortell, to open the impressive new play area.
- (f) The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Cllrs Emma Urquhart, Helen Lawrence and I, together with Church members and Rev Suzanne Pattle, organised and ran an event to celebrate the Queen's birthday which was well attended by the local community. The hardest thing for me was judging the birthday cards that had been made by children of all ages.
- (g) Clean for the Queen and Keep Britain Tidy Weekends – I have a bee in my bonnet about litter so I have been keen to support these weekends. Some, but not many, of the local community have taken part in these events, in fact Councillors have outnumbered other local residents on both occasions. We can provide the kit and suchlike, but we cannot make people come to these events even if they do complain about litter. However, I believe these events are worthwhile and I will continue to support them, they do make a difference to our community.
- (h) Colehill Memorial Hall – Tonight's event and many others have been held in Colehill Memorial Hall and this is another superb and very well used facility for our community. I would like to thank the Hall Management Committee for everything that they do, we do not know what we would do without them.

The Chairman concluded her report by thanking the Councillors for asking her to take on the role of Chairman two years ago and for the enormous amount of work that they do for this Council. I am very grateful for their support. The Chairman also thanked the Clerk, for her calm efficiency and support.

**435.17 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

Copies of the audited Annual Return and External Auditor’s Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been circulated and a Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts at 31 March 2017 was available for information.

RESOLVED that the Receipts and Payments summary of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 be received and noted.

**436.17 GRANT AID TO ORGANISATIONS**

ED Citizens’ Advice Bureau	£2,000.00
Sting in the Tale	£250.00
East Dorset Environment Partnership	£300.00
Colehill District Guides	£300.00
Life Education Wessex	£300.00
Colehill Community Library (payable in two payments)	£11,000.00
Colehill Memorial Hall	£6,500.00
Vision Wimborne Dialaride	£500.00
East Dorset TIC	£250.00
Colehill & Wimborne Youth and Community Centre	£3,000.00

The Chairman distributed the grants to the organisations, thanking them for attending the meeting. The recipients thanked the Council for the grants and for the continued support.

The Chairman advised that the organisations that had been unable to attend (*East Dorset TIC, Sting in the Tale and Vision Wimborne Dialaride*) would receive their grants by post.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:15hrs.

CHAIRMAN